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The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 3, 1932.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

It is now perfectly apparent to me that in spite of the anticipated necessity of relieving the burden which is bound to fall upon the owner of real estate, to support almost alone the necessary welfare payments of the cities, the temper of the legislative bodies is such that no successful action can be taken at this time. It is also apparent that you do not wish to reduce State expenses in the only way in which they can be reduced at this session, namely, by reduction of pay. It is further apparent that the special interests of a particular industry, combining with the special interests of another particular industry, are more powerful in controlling legislative action than the general underlying necessity involved. We all hope that there may be some unforeseen and unexpected relief in sight through improvement in general business conditions which may obviate the burning necessity which now seems apparent.

I should like to feel that if you prorogue without taking action upon the suggestions made to you in reference to taxation, it would be possible for me, provided the emergency makes it necessary, that I might summons you to convene for a special session without imposing any more expense upon the Commonwealth than is required for the attendance of officers and travel. To put it plainly, I should like to feel at liberty to call you into special session without any further payment of salary.

I, therefore, suggest that before I consent to prorogation you pass a resolve pledging the Commonwealth and its citizens that if a special session is called that it is the sense of your bodies that you serve without additional pay.

JOSEPH B. ELY.

